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# **SB 1239**

Introduced by

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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 28-857, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL BUSES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2       Section 1. Section 28-857, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4           28-857. School bus signs; overtaking and passing school bus;  
5           violation; classification; driver license suspension

6       A. On meeting or overtaking from either direction a school bus that  
7 has stopped on the highway, the driver of a vehicle on a highway shall:

8           1. Stop the vehicle before reaching the school bus, if the school bus  
9 is displaying the signal as provided in subsection C and if alternately  
10 flashing lights are in use.

11          2. Not proceed until the school bus resumes motion or the signal and  
12 alternately flashing lights are no longer displayed.

13       B. A bus used for the transportation of school children shall have on  
14 the front and rear of the bus a plainly visible sign containing the words  
15 "school bus" in letters not less than eight inches in height. If a school  
16 bus is operated on a highway for a purpose other than the actual  
17 transportation of children either to or from school **OR TO OR FROM**  
18 **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL**,  
19 all markings indicating "school bus" shall be covered or concealed.

20       C. A bus used for the transportation of school children shall have a  
21 signal with the word "stop" printed on both sides in white letters not less  
22 than five inches high on a red background. The signal shall be an eighteen  
23 inch reflectorized octagon. The operator of the school bus shall:

24           1. Manually operate the signal in a manner so that the signal is  
25 clearly visible from both front and rear when extended from the left of the  
26 body of the bus.

27           2. Display the signal and alternately flashing lights if passengers  
28 are being received or discharged while the bus is stopped on the roadway.

29       D. The driver of a vehicle on a highway with separate roadways need  
30 not stop on meeting or passing a school bus that is:

31           1. On a different roadway.

32           2. On a controlled access highway and the school bus is stopped in a  
33 loading zone that is a part of or adjacent to the highway and where  
34 pedestrians are not permitted to cross the roadway.

35       E. For the purposes of subsection D, a lane or group of lanes on  
36 either side of a two-way left turn lane is not considered a separate roadway.

37       F. A person who violates subsection A is guilty of a class 3  
38 misdemeanor. For a second conviction within one year the person is guilty of  
39 a class 2 misdemeanor. On a third or subsequent conviction within one year  
40 after the last conviction the person is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor.

41       G. The judge or justice of the peace hearing the case may suspend for  
42 not more than six months the driver license of a person convicted of a second  
43 or subsequent violation of subsection A.